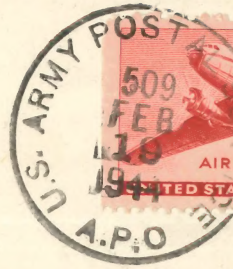


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Hija Folks,

Here I am again - not with anything new or startling - just me! The main reason a regular letter instead of a V-mail is that I have gotten some prints made of my negatives I developed and I will enclose some in this! - See?

Wasn't on the schedule today so really enjoyed myself in a way. Would really like another day off too to relax and do other things I have on mind - but know that is asking too much. Anyway, I was very busy all day taking care of a lot of things like: - first - sleeping till about 8:15! - Then I shaved - had a hair cut, a shower, - and then after lunch - hummed a jip



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and took a ride over our very rough roads! Went to a PX and got some rations - the first besides cigarettes in months - Or at least since my last trip to Africa! Didn't need much, but sure enjoyed the chance of browsing thru a store and looking at stuff. Would you say I had the opportunity of refusing stuff? -

Got some more mail today; - a V mail from Sister + Fred, and a regular letter from Daddy + Henry + Phyllis. - Guess I rate a little bit, eh. - ? - Was glad to get them all, - as I always am - for it means so much in our daily routine to get mail, even if they don't contain "news" according to your version.

Think instead of sending pictures in this letter - I will send some negatives so you can start having



some larger ones made. - Then you will have something large enough to see when you get the prints & explanations. - Incidentally I don't have prints of all of the negatives so you'll have to await my homecoming to find some out! Also - don't send me copies as you did before for I have hopes of being home before you can send them to me! - Doesn't that sound nice? I mean before they could reach me.

So saying - I'll sign off - but don't forget those crossed fingers & toes for a single instant! -

Lots of Love,  
Frank

P.S. - These negatives are almost all, of my trip to Rest Camp. - As far as I can tell - there is nothing of value on them - so I can see no reason for not sending them. - I'll send identifying pictures along soon. - Before you have these printed be sure the finger marks are wiped off. - They are fixed so the emulsion side is on the inside so should not be harmed by removing the Scotch tape.

J.